

REMARKS

Claims 1, 7 and 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Heckerman et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,263,308) in view of Applicant's admission in the background of the application. Claims 5 and 6 were objected to for being dependent on a rejected base claim but were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form.

With the present amendment, the limitation of claim 5 has been added to claim 1 and claim 5 has been canceled. As such, amended claim 1 represents former claim 5 rewritten in independent form. Based on the indication that such a claim would be allowable, independent claim 1 and claims 6-8, which depend therefrom, are in form for allowance.

Claims 9-27 have been indicated as being allowed.

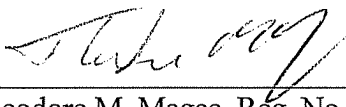
Based on the above remarks, claims 1 and 6-27 are in form for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to deposit account No. 23-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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